

# Windermere

MOTOR BOAT RACING CLUB



Founded in 1925, the Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club came into being following on from informal competition at the turn of the century between steam launches and later with motorboats. In the early days, boats raced were substantial inboards with some single step Hydroplanes, with the fastest achieving perhaps 35mph. Yet within a few years, Betty Carstairs carrying the club colours, had prepared a boat designed to achieve 128mph, to challenge for the Harmsworth Trophy in the USA. Members have from the earliest years, involved themselves with waterspeed records, so that today one can look back at an impressive list of names such as, Sir Henry Segrave, Sir Malcolm Campbell, Donald Campbell, John Cobb and Norman Buckley, all with close links to the WMBRC. The club moved into Broad Leys, a Grade 1 listed building, the design of early Arts and Crafts Architect CFA Voysey, in 1950. The club house and its contents, steeped in the history of motor boating throughout the 20th Century, is open to entrants all weekend.

## A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Your entry to the BCMBR includes temporary membership of the Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club. Please note that men must wear a jacket & tie on Saturday night.
- Please note that Broad Leys house & grounds are private property & are not open to visitors.
- Please ensure you have adequate insurance for your boat and crew as the organisers or the club cannot be held responsible for any loss.
- Tea, Coffee and Sandwiches available from the club's foreshore servery.
- 4WD launching will be available.
- Strictly no tents allowed.
- Please note that there is a 10mph speed limit on the lake
- You should arrange Lake Registration for your boat through the Lake Wardens Office (Tel 015394 42753). The charge is £15 per boat for renewal or £20 per boat for new registrations. We will provide details with our entry acknowledgement.
- In addition the LDNPA has just arranged a Short Term Boat Registration Scheme for events which may be available for our rally. We will provide details with our entry acknowledgement.
- Rally boat entries to be pre-1970 designs approved by the committee

### Get into the Spirit of your Era

We are placing more emphasis on the attire of the crews in our Concours D'Elegance this year, so we hope you'll all dress up to suit the Era of your boat

### Prize List

1. Best in Show
2. Best British Boat
3. Best Pre War Boat
4. Best Restoration
5. Best Foreign Boat
6. Best Wooden Boat
7. Best Aluminium Boat
8. Judge's Trophy
9. Best Newcomer
10. Concours D'Elegance
11. Chairman's Trophy

Please return entries to Chris Barker, at the address on the entry form

### 23rd British Classic Motor Boat Rally

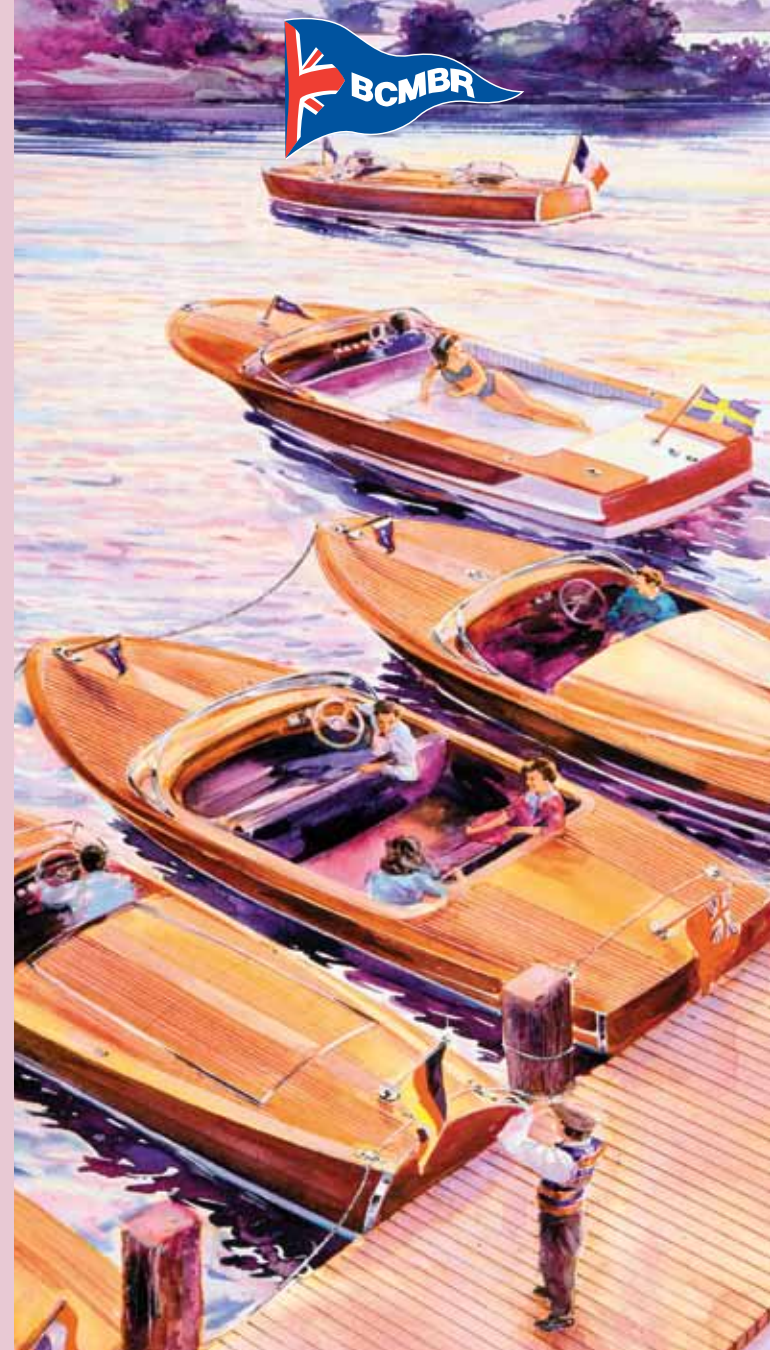
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### Committee

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Chris Barker  
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The BCMBR committee once again thank you for supporting this unique classic boat rally.



**23rd British Classic Motor Boat Rally**  
Windermere - England  
3rd - 6th August 2012



# Welcome to the BCMBR 2012

Welcome to our 23rd Rally In this 'Olympic' year we thought we'd place a Riva Olympic on the front cover of this brochure – just to get you in the mood! We have always had a few Rivas as entrants and indeed our Chairman has owned several! In recent times the club has been full to capacity for the Rally with usually over thirty five boats and over eighty people present. Perhaps it's the superb location in the 'Arts and Crafts' 1898 country house on the shores of Lake Windermere with superb lakeland views or perhaps it's the mouth watering evening meals. This year there are new club managers who are superb chefs, eager to please and keen to make a good impression, so be sure to expect another superb rally. Come and attend the premier motor boat rally in this country with an international reputation, breath-taking scenery and an unmissable location in the heart of the Lake District National Park.



**Friday 9.30am onwards** – Arrive at Broad Leys, enter through the green gates and drive down the club's private drive to the foreshore. Park your boat near the slipway, receive your rally pack and prepare your boat for the water. Launch your boat yourself, or be launched whilst you tend to the ropes and moor your boat to one of the five piers or in the inner harbour. Check your boat is fully operational for an energetic weekend. Unwind, catch up with the boating news and grab a

quick cup of tea and sandwich from the boat house servery. Alternatively take a morning cruise to the café at Fell Foot Country Park at the southern end of the lake to get fully into the boating mood!

**2.30pm** - Leave the jetties and travel northwards on majestic Lake Windermere, past Storrs Hall Temple and the lake side houses with lawns meandering down to their boat houses. Watch the Windermere car ferry journey from east to the west bank. Enter Bowness Bay leaving Belle Isle to port View the tourist hubbub of Bowness village from the peace and tranquillity of the lake. Spy the Royal Windermere Yacht Club just past the steamer pier to the left of the Old England Hotel and become one of the few, authorised to land at the club's hallowed jetties. Enter the club house for refreshments, sit on the balcony and watch the activity or view the club prize-ware. Later in the afternoon amble home to Broad Leys to prepare yourself for the evening.

7.30pm - Arrive at the Club and enter the bar for a pre-dinner drink. View the lake from the elevated terrace in front of the house. Be welcomed by the Chairman of the Rally. At 8pm take your seats for supper before trying Chris Loney's 'boats and films' quiz – bet there are some Riva questions! Make sure you try the specially purchase 'Rally' wine.



## Saturday

10.30am - After a leisurely breakfast, journey to the Club to prepare your boat for the day's activities, chat to your new-found friends, test your boat on the lake and buy coffee and sandwiches from the boat-house servery before heading northwards.



**11.30am onwards** - At your leisure leave Broad Leys heading North for a special private visit to the Steamboat Museum (currently closed to the public) between 12.15pm and 2.15pm on the eastern shore just north of Bowness Bay. After a WSM welcome drink and an introduction to the new £10m Museum plans, sign up for a guided tour of the conservation workshop and the Historic Boat Collection. Enjoy your own picnic on the WSM grounds before departing onto Wray Castle harbour whilst collecting points on our lake treasure hunt. An ice cream will be available during the afternoon.

**3pm** - Arrive at Wray Castle harbour quietly and be one of the few motorboats allowed to enter the harbour (by special permission of Roger Mallinson), moor up and enjoy the traditional Rally cream tea. Marvel at the peace and solitude, Let the afternoon melt away before ambling home to Broad Leys for the evening's entertainment.



**7.30pm** - Prepare yourselves for the gala dinner dance in the great hall (jacket and tie are a club requirement for the men), journey to the club and congregate in the bar or on the terrace

for the presentation of prizes. Take your seat for the sumptuous dinner at 8pm then join the dancing if you feel energetic or alternatively head for the bar before asking the managers to arrange a taxi to head for your beds and a deep sleep after a busy day on the water.

## Sunday

After a lie-in gently prepare yourself for another day on the water and arrive at the club towards late morning. Potter down the lake for morning coffee by mooring against a club boat in a bay down the western side of the lake then return to the club foreshore for the traditional sausage BBQ or sandwich from the servery. View the classic cars joining us for the afternoon, mill-about whilst talking with the many Club members who fill the foreshore and walk the jetties inspecting the fine classic craft. Listen to their stories of times past, previous racing experiences and memories of earlier speed records. Marvel at the bustle of this lakeside occasion.

**3pm** - Head for your boats and partake in the Concours drive-past whilst your boat is the subject of the commentary to the shore-side audience. Later attend the Concours presentation and identify the lucky winner. Relax for the remainder of the afternoon, soak up the ambience of the lake and wish that the weekend would never end.

**7.30pm** - Join your friends in the bar for a quick drink prior to yet another splendid meal, this time the traditional club buffet. Wind-away the remainder of the evening in this luxurious surrounding amongst the fine heritage of the unique 'arts and crafts' Lakeland mansion. Finish the evening in the bar, perhaps with a port, reminiscing over a unique weekend and an unmissable location.

## Monday

Time for a quick journey down the lake to Lakeside for morning coffee with your friends before finally putting the boat on your trailer, saying your goodbyes and travelling homeward, content in the memory of a special occasion.

## 23rd BCMBR - Boat and Entry Form

Please complete and return as soon as possible to:  
**BCMBR, c/f: Chris Barker, 9 Ocean Court, The Esplanade, Knott End on Sea, Lancashire, FY6 0BQ Tel. 01253 813007**  
 E-mail: barker63@btinternet.com  
 If you are entering more than one boat please complete a separate entry form for each boat.

Surname:	Forename:
Address:	
Postcode:	
Tel (Day):	
Tel (Eve):	
e-mail :	

Hull Details		
Maker:	Model:	Year:
Length:	Beam:	
Hull Colour:	Deck Colour:	

Engine Details		
Maker:	Model:	Year:
Number:	HP:	

Boat Entry (including one Adult Social Entry) £120 (*£110) per boat		£
Social Entries. Adults, number required at £120 (*£110) per person	No	£
Children, (under 5 yrs F.O.C. without food)	No	£ F.O.C.
Children, 16yrs and under at £60 per person	No	£
	Total	£
Donation towards Rally costs		£
Total amount payable		£ <input type="text"/>

Cheque made payable to 'British Classic Motor Boat Rally'

Please accept this entry to the 2012 British Classic Motor Boat Rally

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Reductions for Entries and full payments received by the organisers before 30th June  
 If you can lend a hand during the Rally please tick the box.

**Includes three club dinners & cream tea at Wray Castle**